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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Laurel Ballard, Supervisor for Accountability
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DATE: July 31, 2008

SUBJECT: Revisions to Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress Results

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has continued to evaluate the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculations for the special education students throughout the state. We have uncovered an error in how the students who had transitioned from special education were included in the AYP data. Students enrolled in your district on March 12, 2008, had been enrolled for two years, and had been tested for Special Education in the 2005-2006 school year were included as a special education student regardless of whether or not the student ever received special education services. Students should only have been included in the special education subgroup if they did receive special education services during this two year period. Students who were tested for special education but never received services were removed from the special education subgroup for the 2008 AYP determinations. The special education students in the 2006-2007 school year were correctly identified.

As a result of this data revision, the percent proficient and advanced in language arts and mathematics for the special education subgroup may have changed. Only two schools saw a change in their preliminary AYP status. These schools have already been notified by the WDE.

To assist schools and districts in reviewing their revised AYP data as well as their student level PAWS data, the WDE has put updated AYP summary data and individual student level PAWS and PAWS-ALT data used in making AYP determinations online at:

https://wdesecure.k12.wy.us/pls/portal/ASSESSMENT.AYP_HOME.show.

A user name and password is required to access these reports. Please work with the person in your district that is responsible for assigning WDE user

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rights on the WDE 690 (User Login and Security Rights web form) to set up rights for the individuals in your district that will need access to these reports. Rights will need to be assigned using WDEAYP as the form number.

On August 5, 2008, the WDE will publicly announce the AYP results and state level PAWS results. A press conference will be held at 1:30 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Laurel Ballard at (307) 777-7016 or lballa@educ.state.wy.us.

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